

Table 42a. South Carolina -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2000

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[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>]

Language spoken at home	Total	Speak English "very well"		Speak English "well"		Speak English "not well"		Speak English "not at all"	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	3,748,670	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,552,240	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	196,430	114,150	58.1	38,140	19.4	33,070	16.8	11,075	5.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	110,030	56,425	51.3	20,310	18.5	23,365	21.2	9,930	9.0
Other Indo-European languages	55,115	40,630	73.7	9,235	16.8	4,865	8.6	385	0.7
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	19,110	13,525	70.8	3,215	16.8	2,295	12.0	75	0.4
French Creole	250	180	72.0	70	28.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	3,090	2,340	75.6	525	17.0	220	7.1	10	0.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,215	735	60.5	220	18.1	155	12.8	105	8.6
German	15,195	11,985	78.9	2,300	15.1	895	5.9	15	0.1
Yiddish	140	95	67.9	25	17.9	20	14.3	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	1,370	1,190	86.9	150	11.0	25	1.8	4	0.3
Scandinavian languages	760	640	84.2	85	11.2	35	4.6	0	0.0
Greek	2,565	1,890	73.7	405	15.8	220	8.6	50	2.0
Russian	1,620	1,000	61.9	320	19.8	255	15.8	40	2.5
Polish	1,135	810	71.1	215	18.9	105	9.2	10	0.9
Serbo-Croatian	330	270	81.8	40	12.1	20	6.1	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	865	570	65.9	180	20.8	105	12.1	10	1.2
Armenian	35	35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	540	405	75.0	120	22.2	15	2.8	0	0.0
Gujarathi	2,100	1,440	68.6	485	23.1	150	7.1	25	1.2
Hindi	1,325	1,085	81.6	155	11.7	90	6.8	0	0.0
Urdu	650	450	69.9	180	28.0	4	0.6	10	1.6
Other Indic languages	1,345	985	73.0	200	14.8	130	9.6	35	2.6
Other Indo-European languages	1,475	1,005	68.1	350	23.7	120	8.1	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	25,535	13,045	51.1	7,560	29.6	4,695	17.2	535	2.1
Chinese	5,650	2,560	45.4	1,800	31.9	1,025	18.2	260	4.6
Japanese	2,805	1,575	56.2	785	28.0	440	15.7	4	0.1
Korean	3,295	1,470	44.7	1,135	34.5	645	19.6	40	1.2
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	410	155	37.9	120	29.3	130	31.8	4	1.0
Miao, Hmong	1,010	400	39.6	320	31.7	290	28.7	0	0.0
Thai	770	370	48.1	320	41.6	60	7.8	20	2.6
Laotian	1,030	520	50.5	315	30.6	170	16.5	25	2.4
Vietnamese	3,770	1,445	38.3	1,125	29.8	1,075	28.5	130	3.4
Other Asian languages	1,575	1,135	72.1	355	22.5	55	3.5	30	1.9
Tagalog	4,495	2,980	66.3	1,125	25.0	385	8.6	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	720	425	59.4	160	22.4	115	16.1	15	2.1
Other languages	5,750	4,050	70.4	1,030	18.0	445	7.7	225	3.9
Navajo	30	30	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	280	260	92.9	20	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hungarian	395	290	73.6	80	20.3	20	5.1	4	1.0
Arabic	2,440	1,745	71.5	415	17.0	240	9.8	40	1.6
Hebrew	680	500	73.5	145	21.3	35	5.2	0	0.0
African languages	1,340	1,075	80.2	210	15.7	35	2.6	20	1.5
Other and unspecified languages	585	150	25.4	165	28.0	115	19.5	160	27.1

(X) Not applicable.